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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th May 1877, No. 1,819.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 510. Diary, No. 1, of the Acting Third Member of the Board of Revenue, on Inspection Duty in the distressed districts.

Madras to Sularpet, 50 miles up the Northern Trunk Road.

THE destitute people who travel down the northern road towards Madras are no longer met with in hundreds, but in small parties or singly; they have not the same distressed look as formerly, and are mostly women and children on their way to join relatives who are said to have found work in Madras. Between Madras and Sularpet, a distance of 50 miles, I did not pass more than 200 destitute travellers, and perhaps half of these were Tamil people from Ponneri and the Sateevad Division of Trivellore.

2. There is need of more work in the Uningleput District between Madras and Gumadipundi; for, with the exception of the bridge building over the Cortelliar river, I am not aware of the existence of any road-side work in progress for a distance of 30 miles. The proposed embankment of the Cortelliar and Narayana-veram rivers, and the cutting of the main drainage channels from the Red Hill tank are works of the first necessity, for, as mentioned in my settlement report on the villages thereabouts, the whole country is flooded at times by the want of artificial embankments to the rivers and by the choking up of the old drainage channel. These works have been surveyed and aligned and estimated for, but have not been commenced for want of final sanction. The people of that part of the country are most anxious that the present dry season should be taken advantage of, for the execution of works on which the welfare of some fifty villages depends, and it is in this very locality that work now seems to be so very much needed.

3. The choultry at Narivarikupum near the calingulah of the Red Hill tank has been white-washed, but the ground round it needs scraping and cleaning. Hundreds of carts halt nightly at the very door of the choultry, and the small space between the road and the building is covered inches deep with the dust and filth of years. There have been no deaths at this choultry since arrangements were made to receive the sick and feeble into the camp close by; but at Gumadipundi further on, where there is a very fine choultry with the same filthy surroundings as at Narivarikupum, I found eleven small-pox patients and three other sick people occupying quarters in the midst of some hundreds of cartmen. I did not visit the new camp at the Cortelliar, as it stands so far back from the road, that I missed it altogether; it would be well, I think, to advance some of the buildings nearer to the road, so that passers-by might see them, and a few men might be specially told off for the duty of intercepting destitute travellers and offering them food and shelter.

4. There is plenty of water along the road as far as Gumadipundi, but the long stretch at the head of the Pulicat Lake is almost without fresh water. At the 35th mile just within the border of the Venkatagiri Zemindari a spring of good

water is being cleared out and deepened, and at Tadda, some miles further on, also in the Venkatagiri Zemindari, two square tanks are being deepened.

5. The traffic on the northern road is excessive, mainly grain and hoop iron going up from Madras, and straw, fire-wood, hides, and pottery coming down. Straw is exceedingly dear and scarce, about 15 Rs. a cart-load, but fire-wood and pottery are said to be cheap this year. The road is in very bad condition, the surface being quite cut through, and it will have to be entirely re-made for miles. It is impossible to do anything to it now, as there is no water to tamp the laterite metal, which, if put on dry, grinds into dust immediately. There are relief-camps at Salurpet, Naidupet, and Gudur, on the northern road in the Nellore District, and these have no doubt helped to check the flow of destitute travellers towards Madras. I will report on these camps hereafter.

SALURPET,
7th May 1877.

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
Ag. Third Member, Board of Revenue.

No. 511.

ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1877, No. 1,819.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Chingleput, who will state whether any objection exists to the commencement of the drainage works referred to by Mr. Puckle, in preference to the embankments of the Cortelliar and Narayanaveram rivers.

2. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will be requested in the Public Works Department to submit the plans of the drainage works referred to for the inspection of the Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Chingleput.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Board of Revenue.
" R. K. Puckle, Esq.
" the Financial Department.

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As the Board of Revenue are now proceeding in the District Districts -

Living No 1 -

Madras to Suleipet 50 miles up the Northern trunk road.

May 7th 1877 -

The look of the road as far as Suleipet is

Reg. No. 11/50

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Cost of (1877) Madras

REVENUE.

To THE COLLECTOR OF CHINGELPUTT,

Secy. Secy. Secy.

Dated May, 25th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 25th May 1877, No. 1,810.

MAY.

No. 510-511.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1193.

Drainage Channels for the Red Hill Tank - Communicating to the Collector of Chingleput for report, Mr. Puck is Inspection Report on the commencement of the - recommended that officer in preference to the embankments of the Courtalliar and Narayanavan rivers, and requesting Chief Engineer for Irrigation to submit plan for the works.

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the existence of any road side
mark in progress for a dis-
tance of 30 miles. The proposed
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and Narayanapuram rivers,
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not been commenced for
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should be in the way of
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in the way of trying to
become a flood
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or other idea of the
work for

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should be taken into account
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 of some hundreds of Coolies.
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Subscribed }
7 May 1877 } N. K. Pichla
of the General Board of Revenue

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3393

1819

From R. H. Puckle Esq.

Dated 7th May 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

I am called upon
to pay the sum
of £100 to the
order of the
Commissioner of
the General Land
Revenue for the
purchase of the
land in the
District of the
Commissioner of
the General Land
Revenue.

By 17th

Received of the
Commissioner of the
General Land Revenue
the sum of £100
for the purchase of the
land in the
District of the
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General Land Revenue.

FOR ORDERS.

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